GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

CAF & CS Department – Procurement of Redgram from farmers and to utilize the same under PDS /OWS - Procedure followed by the MARKFED and NAFED to be adopted – orders – issued.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & CIVIL SUPPLEIS(CS-I) DEPARTMENT

G.O .Rt.No.03 Date: 12 .01.2024.

Read the following

1. GO Rt.No.63 CAF&CS(CS-I) Dept., dt.19.12.2023.
2. VC & MD., APSCSCL Lr.No.Mktg.M6/Redgram/2023-24, dt 11.01.2024.

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ORDER:

In the GO 1st read above, orders were issued constituting a District Level Committee for fixation of the price for redgram if the market price is over and above the MSP duly taking into consideration the facilities that are provided by the Govt. to the farmers, viz., procurement at farmers' fields, providing Gunnies, Labour and Transport(GLT).

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the VC & Managing Director, APSCSL stated that Redgram procurement will commence in this month (January) itself and the constituted committee at district level may take much more time for intimation of price and in turn execution can attract obstacles in view of different scenarios. Minimum Support Price fixed by the Government of India for KMS 2023-24 for Redgram is Rs.7,000/- per Quintal but market rates are higher than MSP.

3. Hence, the VC & MD., APSCSCL requested to issue orders in modification to the GO 1st read above to adopt the procedure followed by the MARKFED and NAFED in the Redgram procurement to avoid hindrance and for carrying the Redgram procurement operations in an efficient manner as detailed below:

1. To follow the guidelines and procedure adopted by NAFED for red gram procurement.
2. The price fixation for the Redgram procurement has to be taken up by the Joint Collectors of the concerned districts.
3. The Joint Collector has to opt the price fixed by NAFED displayed in the CM APP on daily basis. The same rates shall be adopted by the districts for procurement of the Redgram.
4. The following are the charges paid towards cost of the Gunnies, Labour and Transportation charges.

Gunny Usage Charges	: Rs.4.24 per 50 kg gunny.
Labour Charges	: Rs.17.17 per qtl.

Transport Charges(Average) : Rs.49.00 per qtl.

5. The price shall be inclusive of all the above charges of Rs.70.41 per qtl of GLT charges are payable to the farmer.
6. TCS will enable a provision in the Joint Collector login for entry of the price in the procurement portal on daily basis.

   For Ex:- If the price fixed in the portal is Rs.8,000/- per qtl by NAFED,District shall deduct GLT charges of Rs.70.41 per qtl viz.,Rs.7929.59 per qtl is Redgram cost.

   For Ex:- If the price is fixed @ Rs.8,000/- per qtl by NAFED on 10-01-2024 and the procurement of the Redgram shall be taken up on 11-01-2024 with Rs.8,000/- per qtl.

7. The price fixed in the portal will include Gunnies, Labour and Transportation charges.
8. Farmers shall be educated regarding the payment of the MSP and GLT charges.

Guidelines and Procedure to be followed for Redgram procurement:

1. Conducting campaigns at the time of sowing and to convey Government's readiness in purchasing Redgram.
2. Creating awareness among farmers on MSP and FAQ Norms through posters, Pamphlets, Tom-Tom, Banners, Electronic & Print media, Video & Audios, Gram Sabha., etc. through AAB and Raithu Sadassu.
3. District Level Campaigns to be conducted to encourage farmers to cultivate high yield varieties in large scale.
4. Coordination with the Agricultural Department to conduct Gram Sabhas, Raithu Sadassu, Agriculture board advisory meetings with all the procurement involved stakeholders.
5. Coordination with private seed distributors for arrangement of high yielding seed material for Redgram.
6. Arrangements made to provide Mini-kits and subsidy for Redgram seed material to the needy farmers with the help of Agriculture Department.
7. The following activities shall be ensured before commencement for procurement of Redgram from the farmers.

   a. Identification of RBKs.
   b. Treating RBKs as Procurement Centers.
   c. Engaging the PSAs.
   d. Tagging of PSAs to RBKs.
   e. Tagging of Weighbridges to RBKs.
   f. Engaging of the millers from NAFED and Markfed for milling of Redgram.
   g. Tagging of staff to the PCs at RBKs.

8. Required number of gunny bags will be supplied from the surplus districts through Inter District Movement. Meanwhile, the districts have to ensure that the sufficient number of gunnies have to be positioned at Purchase Centres at RBKs for Redgram procurement.
9. Districts have to ensure that sufficient Labour and Transportation vehicles have to positioned at PCs at RBK and kept readily available for Redgram procurement.
10. Appointed Technical Assistant at Rythu Bharosa Kendras shall analyse the Moisture Testing and other FAQ parameters perfectly without any lapses.
11. FAQ parameters shall be analysed at the Rythu Bharosa Kendras in the presence of farmers including one village elder and the officers posted at the Rythu Bharosa Kendras to avoid further complications.
12. The FAQ parameters for Redgram are detailed below;

S.No	Refractions	Maximum Limit (%)
1	Moisture	12.00 %
2	Foreign Matter	2.00 % by weight (of which not more than 0.25% by weight shall be mineral matter and not more than 0.1% by weight shall be impurities of animal origin.
3	Other edible grains	1.00 %
4	Admixture	3.00 %
5	Damaged/slightly damaged	3.00 %
6	Broken/Split/Unhusked	3.00 %
7	Shrivelled& Immature grains	3.00 %
8	Weeviled pulses	3.00%

The definitions for the refractions were decided as follows:

- Foreign matters include dust, stones, lumps of earth, chaff husks stem, straw or any other impurity including edible and non-edible seeds.
- Admixture implies any pulse other than the principal pulse.
- Damaged pulses are those that are internally damaged or discoloured to such an extent that the damage or discolouration materially affects the quality of the pulses.
- Slightly damaged pulses are those pulses that are superficially damaged or discoloured such damage or discolouration not materially affecting the quality of the pulses.
- Immature, shrunken, shrivelled and unripe pulses are those that are not properly developed.

- Weevilled pulses are those pulses that are partially or wholly bored or eaten by weevil or other grain insects.

13. After completion of analysis of FAQ parameters, GLT (Gunnies, Labour and Transportation) shall be done in paddy procurement mobile app.
14. If the FAQ parameters does not meet the requirement within the limit, farmers shall be advised to get their Redgram stocks within the specified limits prescribed by Govt. of India.
15. After harvesting the Redgram shall be dried on the open platforms to reach the moisture (12%) as indicated in FAQ specifications for season KMS 2023-24.
16. To clear the foreign matter (organic & inorganic) the harvested Redgram shall be sieved properly with the sieve sets to conform the foreign matter specifications of season KMS 2023-24.
17. After conforming to the FAQ specifications due to the low/limited yields the Redgram shall be stored in intermediary godowns (agricultural market yards) until it reaches the transportation vehicle capacity.
18. Due to the Perishable nature/sensitive to insects damage (Callosobruchussps,Trogodermagranarium (Everts),Acanthoscelides obtectus (say), Triboliumconfusumj,du V). and highly expensive essential commodity, after procurement the Redgram shall be transported to the SWC/CWC godowns for scientific storage/preservation purpose.
19. Many of the Redgram cultivated RBKs were reported as C category so these C category RBK's shall be clustered into A & B category RBKs for procurement operational convenience.
20. Milling charges, OTR shall be paid to the dall millers on par with the guidelines of NAFED.
21. Dall mills shall be tagged to the RBK's/storage godowns for the transportation of procured Redgram.
22. After GLT allocation, the Redgram shall be loaded into trucks at farm gate and shall be transported to the tagged millers of NAFED and Markfed for milling of the Redgram into Redgram Dall.
23. Truck Sheet will be generated for the buffer godown and the same should be handed over to the truck driver. Soon after truck sheet generation FTO (Funds Transfer Order) shall be generated and the same should be handed over to the farmer.
24. The existing weighing scales at Rythu Bharosa Kendras (or) Private/Government weighbridges can utilize for weighment of Redgram trucks, weighbridges available at SWC IG godowns and MLS Points can also be utilized.
25. The existing transport contractor for transportation of rice viz., stage-I and stage-II can be engaged for transportation of Redgram stocks (or) who desires to provide the transportation viz., Farmer/Transporter or any other parties can also be engaged for transportation. Transportation charges will be paid accordingly as per the approved slab rates of paddy.
26. Districts have to ensure that the millers engaged in the NAFED and MARKFED have to be engaged and tagged to the PCs at RBKs for milling of the Redgram into Redgram Dall.

27. Districts to see that the millers have to be registered in the procurement portal for generation of the truck chit for transportation and see that the Redgram is being transported to the truck chit generated mill only and ensure that there should not be any intermediary storage between the PCs at RBKs and the millers.
28. Districts have to ensure that the milled Redgram have to be delivered to the MLS points for onward distribution to the card holders under Public Distribution System.
29. Districts to see that the millers have to be registered in the procurement portal for generation of the truck chits.
30. TCS to enable a provision for registration of the mills in the portal in DM login and also a provision has to be enabled for truck chit generation in the PCs at RBK logins.

4. After careful examination and in modification to the orders issued in the GO 1st read above, and in order to carry out the Redgram procurement in an efficient manner for onward utilization in Public Distribution System / Other Welfare Schemes, Government hereby order to adopt the procedure followed by the MARKFED and NAFED for procurement of Redgram from the farmers to avoid hindrance in the procurement as detailed above.

5. District Collectors / Joint Collectors are requested to take further action in the matter and ensure maximum redgram is procured.

(BY OREDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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